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THE FOURTH SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE OF LESBIANS AND GAY MEN

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

APRIL 6,7,8, 1979

**share
learn
play
grow
dance
sing**

JOIN YOUR LESBIAN SISTERS AND GAY BROTHERS FOR THREE DAYS
OF SHARING, LEARNING, AND PLAYING AS WE EXPLORE OUR

UNITY THROUGH DIVERSITY

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE:

A PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE "Diversity of Our Lifestyles"

A CONCERT FEATURING CHARLIE MURPHY & THERESE EDELL

EXHIBITS - WORKSHOPS - PLAYSHOPS - FILMS - DANCES

A NEW GAMES CELEBRATION

FREE TIME AND SPACE FOR PEER CAUCUSES, GET-TOGETHERS, AND MORE!

Pre-Registration: \$8.00 Regular, \$4.00 Limited Income, \$20. & \$25. Sponsoring. At the door, \$10.00 Regular, \$5.00 Limited Income. Sponsor fees will be used to subsidize registration and travel costs of limited income participants. To minimize the economic impact on North Carolina, an F.R.A. unratified state, free housing is guaranteed to those pre-registering by April 1st. (Attempts will be made to house people after that deadline.) Child-care, alcohol-free space, and facilities for handicapped participants will be available. Drop us a line if you can help with collective food arrangements. Attempts will be made to coordinate drivers riders ... please fill out the other side if you need a ride or have space.

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the fourth annual southeastern
conference of lesbians and gay men
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chapel hill

experience our...

UNITY THROUGH DIVERSITY

through

- WORKSHOPS
- PANEL DISCUSSIONS
- A NEW GAMES CELEBRATION
- A CONCERT FEATURING MEN'S
AND WOMEN'S MUSIC
- FILMS
- DANCES
- and many other activities

your gay sisters and brothers for
weekend of fun, sharing, learning!
end in the attached registration form
TODAY!

THE FOURTH SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE OF LESBIANS AND GAY MEN
april 6-8, 1979 the carolina union, unc-chapel hill, n.c.

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE () _____

REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED:

- ☐ \$8.00 Regular
- ☐ \$4.00 limited Income
- ☐ \$20.00 Sponsoring
- ☐ \$25.00 Sponsoring
- ☐ \$ _____ Sponsoring
- ☐ Unable to pay

Make checks payable to: SEC, CGA, or Karen Peterson
Return to: Conference, C.G.A., Box 39, The Carolina
Union, U.N.C., Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514

☐ I expect to arrive between Midnight Friday and
8:00 AM Saturday. Time: _____

HOUSING/TRANSPORTATION FORM on OTHER SIDE-----

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____ YES! I can house ____ Conferees
Please get in touch with me.

NAME: _____ SEX _____

HOUSING

HOUSING IS GUARANTEED ONLY TO THOSE PRE-REGISTERING BEFORE APRIL 1st.

I EXPECT TO ARRIVE AT _____ AM / PM ON _____ FRI, _____ SAT.

- ☐ I WILL ACCEPT HOUSING WITH A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITE SEX, IF NECESSARY.
- ☐ I WILL BE BRINGING _____ CHILDREN AGES _____.
- ☐ I SMOKE ☐ I DO NOT SMOKE. ☐ I PREFER A NON-SMOKING ENVIRONMENT.
- ☐ PLEASE ATTEMPT TO HOUSE ME WITH _____.

I HAVE THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL NEEDS FOR HOUSING:

- ☐ AGE SIMILARITY ☐ BED SPACE ☐ ALCOHOL/DRUG FREE ENVIRONMENT
- ☐ HANDICAPPED ACCESS ☐ VEGETARIAN ☐ OTHER: _____

BED ACCOMMODATIONS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS. PLEASE BRING A SLEEPING BAG, FOAM PAD, ETC. ALSO, FACILITIES FOR PETS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.

TRANSPORTATION

I CAN TAKE _____ PASSENGERS FROM MY AREA. PLEASE GET ME IN TOUCH WITH ANYONE NEEDING A RIDE.

I NEED A RIDE. PLEASE GET ME IN TOUCH WITH SOMEONE DRIVING FROM MY AREA IF UNABLE TO GET A RIDE. I WILL NEED HELP WITH TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES.

ENTERTAINMENT

I CAN ENTERTAIN AT THE COFFEEHOUSE ON FRIDAY EVENING.

I _____

A few important notes...

Free housing is guaranteed ONLY to those pre-registering by APRIL 1st!

Bring a sleeping bag, foam pad, etc. as bed space cannot be guaranteed for all participants.

Registration will begin at Noon on Friday, April 6th in the Carolina Union on the U.N.C. Campus.

Please notify us, (919) 684-3043 if you will be arriving between midnight Friday and 8:00 AM Saturday, as the Carolina Union will be closed.

Registration at the door is \$10.00 regular, \$5.00 limited income.

Note: We will not be mailing a confirmation of your registration.

SEC4, c/o C.G.A.
Box 39, The Carolina Union
U.N.C.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

THE FOURTH ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE OF LESBIANS AND GAY MEN APRIL 6-8, 1979 UNC-CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

GENERAL INFORMATION...

A second regional planning meeting for SEC/4 was held in Chapel Hill on March 17, 1979. There were 15 participants from the local area and Atlanta. Using the goals and philosophy established at the first regional planning meeting, the group worked out details of format and content of our conference. Parameters for the panel discussion on the "DIVERSITY OF OUR LIFESTYLES" were defined. Members are in the process of contacting prospective panelists. People interested in representing their own lifestyle should contact SEC/4 with relevant information. Following the panel, time has been set aside for facilitated discussions on these and other lifestyle issues. Other times are provided for skill-sharing sessions and topical workshops. Workshops already planned include: GAY SUPPORT SYSTEMS - INSTITUTIONAL AND NON-INSTITUTIONAL, BLACK & GAY, AY SPIRITUALITY MOVEMENT, LIVING IN COMMUNITY, AND AGEING. Several short films will be shown throughout the weekend as well. Entertainment will be varied with a coffeehouse (interested in performing? Drop us a line!) and a dance on Friday evening, and a concert on Saturday evening featuring Therese Edell from Cincinnati, and Folkways recording artist Charlie Murphy from Philadelphia.

Regional input into the National Gay March for Human Rights on Washington, D.C., slated for October this year will be discussed.

The Southeastern Conference is a time to share, grow, learn, play, sing, and dance with lesbians and gay men from throughout our region. Join in the celebration!

Pre-Registration for the conference is encouraged: Registration will begin Friday afternoon at Noon. Anyone planning to arrive after 12:00 Midnight should check in at the UNC Student Union for registration and housing information.

FREE HOUSING IS GUARANTEED ONLY to those pre-registering BEFORE APRIL 1st! After that time we will make every effort to provide housing, but... Bed space CAN'T be guaranteed to all participants, so bring sleeping bags, pillows, etc.

REGISTRATION COSTS:

Pre-registration:

\$8.00 Regular Income, \$4.00 Limited Income
\$20.& \$25. Sponsoring (Used to subsidize registration and travel costs of limited/no income participants).

\$10. Regular, \$5. Limited AT THE DOOR.

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UNRATIFIED STATES ON BACK.

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY:

Noon:	Registration Starts, Continued into Saturday
3:30-4:45	Topical/skill sharing Workshops
5:00-6:15	Topical/skill sharing Workshops
7:30-on	Peer Caucuses/Free time and space
7:30-on	Ongoing Coffeehouse (Alcohol free space, open throughout conference. Food available)
10:00-1 A.M.	Dance

SATURDAY:

9:00-10:30	Panel Discussion: "DIVERSITY OF OUR LIFESTYLES"
11:00-12:30	Facilitated Discussions/Lifestyle Issues
12:30-2:30	Picnic Lunch Break/ NEW GAMES CELEBRATION
2:45-3:45	Topic/Skills Workshops
4:00-5:00	Topic/Skills Workshops
5:00-6:30	Dinner (Food Provided)
6:30-7:30	Workshops/Feedback Session
7:30-on	Concert featuring CHARLIE MURPHY and THERESE EDELL

SUNDAY:

9:00-11:00	Continental Breakfast
9:00-10:00	Workshops/Christian Services/Feedback Session
10:15-11:00	State Caucuses
11:15-11:30	Summation/Conference Coordinators
11:30-12:30	Feedback Session

NOTE: Not yet scheduled are Jewish Services, Women's and Men's Caucuses, and whatever else you suggest.

Would you facilitate/lead a discussion or workshop?

We need leaders for Jewish services, Lifestyle discussions, ERA, Health issues.

Are you a musician? Poet?

We are having an organized coffeehouse and are soliciting entertainers. There will also be space for spontaneous activities.

Exhibits...

Would you like to exhibit some books, materials, records, literature, etc?

Food...

Would you be willing to bring some food?

Can you donate a few hours to help with...

Security (to be coordinated with Campus Police), Registration, Food Service, etc. We are a small group and NEED YOUR HELP.

Local? Can you house out-of-town conferees?

Anything - bed space, floor space appreciated.

Send pertinent information to: SEC/4, c/o CGA, Box 39, The Carolina Union
UNC-Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514

An effective regional network needs regional support, especially operating money and energy. We are asking you to send a minimum of \$3.00 towards registration for next year's conference in Tennessee. If you don't have the money, you become a member by telling us you plan to come next Spring. As a member of SEGC, you will vote on conference issues and receive a quarterly newsletter about planning progress, discussion groups, and ongoing conference related events (men's and women's conferences, planning meetings, and weekend workshops.) You will also have money on next year's registration.

From one form of energy comes strength
to develop another. And another.

The success of SEGC4 may depend on how we answer some questions:

- developing better skills for problem solving and power sharing
- looking at our conflicts as men and women
- continuing to outgrow the sexist system which we all grew up in and now live
- understanding our links with gays who do not attend conferences and stay away from organizations

Real solutions must come from the real places where gays live and spend time together, not just from annual mass meetings.

You are encouraged to help start a conference issues discussion group where you live or in your local organization, to help develop the content and mood of the next conference, and to increase the communication and strength of gay people in the southeast.

Materials and contact lists of other interested people in your area will be available to help you start a group. Your discussion group will have continuing support from the SEGC: we will help you contact other groups, share program suggestions, and discuss your conclusions through the SEGC newsletter.

I understand alot more
than I make use of
and
I make use of alot more
than I understand.

Learning to be a producer, for just a business is a most important step toward becoming an owner-share. Here are things you can do to get the most from your experience, expanding your contacts with the people you work with, learning to work as part of a coordinated planning and coordination system for SFGCA. Included are suggestions for making you can use or learn, ideas which you will find most needed, and a list of names of people necessary to get the organization off the ground. The more people, the greater the possibilities. Lists for each job will be available, as well as well as lists of other interested persons and the ideas exchange in the newsletter.

proposal for regional planning should include approaches for conference days before and after the plan process workshops/programs for conference participants, prepare process educational materials for regional participants for conference (including appendices on local plan process), cooperate with other planning organizations for the conference program.

EXPERIENCE/SKILLS: group process background, group development, personal management skills. Petrus awarded 2 Nov 1991, awarded 2 November, and February.

PERSONNEL REQUIRED: 1. Hour work: June - August.

EXPERIENCE/SKILLS: Fund-raising and accounting. Persons needed: 2 immediately.
Next work: ongoing after October.

EXPERIENCE/SKILLS: accounting and production scheduling; patterns needed: 2
Must work September-October.

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At that time, at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, around November 1964, the initial meeting was the necessary, arrange meeting, which is recommended and made possible.

EXPERIENCE DATES: travel: Parisian period: 2 Most work: February/April

Longshore is an energy research firm that is being developed now to help meet our growing energy needs.

YOU ARE AN EXPERT ON WHAT GAY PEOPLE NEED AND WHAT GAY PEOPLE CAN DO

EVALUATION/STATISTICS SHEET

This form is designed to let future planners know what you want and need from next year's Conference. PLEASE take the time to read it over and fill it out. Some of these items will be discussed at the feedback session on Sunday, you can turn it in at that time or at the Information Center. Feel free to add any comments you might have on issues not specifically addressed here. Your input is essential for the Conference to continue to serve our community and grow with us.

Thanks

Gender: _____ Race/Ethnic Identity: _____

Age: _____ Geographic Location(Home State): _____

Did you make use of facilities for the handicapped? _____ If yes, which? _____
Please comment on availability/adequacy...

Did you make use of other special arrangements? _____ which? _____
Comments?

How did you hear about the Conference?

Does the Conference meet needs beyond those you can meet in your area?
Comment.....

What was the highlight of the Conference for you?

What are two things you really liked about the Conference?

What is one thing you are looking forward to that has arisen out of the Conference?

What is one thing you wish would be different about next year's Conference?

I know other people who would have come if...

Would you be interested in helping organize a communication/work network in your area?

Can you be contacted about the National March? (If yes, be sure to give name and address)

I would really like the Conference Planners to know... (use back side if necessary)

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

noon registration starts, continues into Saturday
3:30-4:45 workshops
5:00-6:15 workshops
7:30-on peer caucuses
7:30-on ongoing coffeehouse (alcohol-free space, open thru-out conference)
10:00-1 a.m. dance

SATURDAY

9:00-10:30 lifestyle panel discussion
11:00-12:30 facilitated discussions on lifestyle issues
12:30-2:30 picnic lunch break/new games
2:45-3:45 topic/skills workshops
4:00-5:00 topic/skills workshops
5:00-6:30 dinner
6:30-8:00 workshops/feedback session
8:00-on entertainment

SUNDAY

9:00-11:00 continental breakfast
9:00-10:00 workshops/Christian services/feedback session
10:15-11:00 state caucuses/workshops
11:15-11:30 peptalk
11:30-12:30 feedback session

Note: not yet scheduled are Jewish services, women's and men's caucuses and whatever else you suggest...

New games:

Coffeehouse:

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Additional comments:

Biographical information:

New games:

Coffeehouse

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STATEMENT: E.R.A. BOYCOTT OF UNRATIFIED STATES

At the feedback session after the 1978 Southeastern Conference, the Carolina Gay Association agreed to take responsibility for trying to find a site in Tennessee for the 1979 Conference, so that it would be held in a state which had ratified the E.R.A. We undertook this task because it was fairly clear to us that no one else, including people from Tennessee was willing to do so. We felt the Conference is an integral link in the growth of our region, and should continue in 1979. We wrote to every organization we knew of in Tennessee, and made contact with individuals (by phone, letter, and personally while travelling through the state) soliciting someone willing to host the conference, or even get suggestions about who might. In addition, we sent a mass mailing to 1200 persons and organizations, including many Tennessee residents, asking for regional support in planning the conference, including on-site planning in Tennessee. By October, 1978 we had received no response to all these attempts and felt our only options were to cancel the 1979 Conference or hold it in Chapel Hill, N.C. No doubt, we did not reach all possible resources in Tennessee, but we feel we made an honest effort to approach all we knew, and to reach others through them.

The two prongs of the ERA boycott of unratiified states are publicity and economic impact. The straight media has traditionally ignored gay activities, and therefore the Conference is likely to have little publicity impact. We are already committed to producing a conference as cheaply as possible so that it is accessible to low income people and people who must travel long distances to reach it. Due to the ERA situation, we are particularly trying not to spend money in areas which conferences usually support - conference site, food, housing & entertainment. We have free use of University of North Carolina facilities because CGA, the conference sponsor, is a student group; since UNC is a state university, the state is supporting us rather than us the state. We are making arrangements for inexpensive food, both asking people to bring food with them and working through an alternative food cooperative which is not supportive of the system. We are offering free housing to conference participants in the homes of local residents (we housed more than 500 people this way during the 1977 Conference). We are providing non-sexist entertainment by gay people, both Friday and Saturday, so conferees do not need to seek entertainment outside the conference. In other areas related to the conference we are trying to work cheaply as well. We are doing as much mailing as possible through the university's non-profit bulk-mailing permit. Whenever payment is involved, we are trying to work through lesbians and gay men and our publications; the exceptions are alternative media and black media. Obviously some money is being spent and will be spent in North Carolina which wouldn't be if the conference weren't here. We believe, however, that because we are minimizing these expenditures, the benefits of having the conference (rather than not have it at all this year) outweigh the money spent. Both Florida and Virginia got in touch with others in their areas through former conferences, which greatly aided in network building in these states. Many individuals have said that the conferences gave them a sense of support and courage they never had before. We believe that if we cancelled the conference because North Carolina has not passed the E.R.A. we would be playing into the hands of E.R.A. opponents, who are opposed to anything which would rock the structure of things as they are. In order to facilitate change in the South, it is vital that lesbians and gay men continue to get in touch with each other and validate our own lives. We believe an annual conference is an important tool for this.



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April 6-8, 1979

Dear Friends:

The fourth Southeastern Conference of Lesbians and Gay Men will be in Chapel Hill, North Carolina April 6 through 8. At a regional planning meeting in January, we decided to focus the conference on "Unity through Diversity." An important goal is to provide time and space for people to meet in peer groups, but also to share their life-style perspectives with people outside those groups and to learn in turn from them. We plan a major panel Saturday morning discussing issues of life-style diversity, followed by time for people to meet in small groups and discuss the issues raised and others important to them. In addition, we have scheduled other times for discussions and workshops. SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR TENTATIVE SCHEDULE.

We respect the need for peer groups to meet sometimes without outsiders; therefore, we are willing to offer closed workshop sessions, but only if a corresponding open session can be offered. Because we can't foresee all the needs and talents of the conference participants, we are also providing space throughout the weekend for spontaneous discussions. However, right now we are seeking suggestions for workshop topics, and people to facilitate the discussions and skill sessions. In previous years, workshops have included such topics as: Older Gays, How to Start a Gay Publication, Lesbian Health Issues, Rural Faggots, Coming Out, The Bar Scene, Bisexuality, etc. If you are interested in facilitating a workshop or have suggestions for a topic or are willing to facilitate a Saturday morning discussion on life-style perspectives, please fill out the attached form. (Note: for closed workshops, if you are unable to suggest anyone to facilitate the corresponding open workshop, we will try to locate someone.)

There are other ways to help, too. We are looking for people to lead New Games, to perform in the coffeehouses, to share childcare responsibilities, and to help provide food (please indicate on form).

In love and struggle,

Elizabeth

Return forms to: Box 39, Carolina Union
Univ. of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Please write short description of the workshop on back of form, and include some pertinent information about yourself

Name: _____

Phone (if possible): _____

Address: _____

Workshop title/suggestion: _____

Will you facilitate it? _____

Other facilitators: _____

Special needs (we'll try!): _____

Time slot preferences: (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

Name: _____

Phone (if possible): _____

Address: _____

Workshop title/suggestion: _____

Will you facilitate it? _____

Other facilitators: _____

Special needs (we'll try!): _____

Time slot preferences: (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

Return to: SEGC4, Box 39, Carolina Union 265A, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514.

Gay Sisters, Gay Brothers... Conference planning shouldn't be something we do in the dark. But without good information on who you are and what interests you, we are in the dark about what next year's conference should be like. Please take three minutes to check off your responses to these questions. Use this sheet to write us a note, too, if you have the time. Throughout the year, gay men and lesbians in the region will receive ballots like this one to help planners do the best job they can in meeting everyone's needs. By responding now, you will insure your future input into these plans.

Thanks for your interest and help. Love the Chapel Hill/Durham people and friends.

I. ABOUT YOU

Name, address, ZIP: _____

Has your address changed since the last SEGC you attended? _____

Check the items that apply to you: (1) female (2) male

(1) Black (2) Third World (3) Native American

(1) Physical handicap, dietary/medical restrictions*

*Please note on other side

Is there a gay organization within 30 miles of your home? _____

Are you a member of it? _____

Were you at the SEGC in Chapel Hill, 1977? _____ in Atlanta, 1978? _____

If you weren't at one or the other, let us know why not:

(1) too expensive; (2) too far; (3) didn't hear in time

(4) didn't hear at all; (5) work/school; (6) no interest;

(7) dissatisfaction with previous conferences; (8) other commitment

(9) didn't seem as though it would meet any of my needs.

Please rate the importance to you of the following issues, both personally and as issues for inclusion in a regional conference. (1) = no importance, (3) = of some importance, (5) = of major importance.

	Personally	For Inclusion in Conference
Male/female separatism	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)
The Equal Rights Amendment	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)
Alternative lifestyles and community	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)
Gay self-oppression; ageism/lookism/classism	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)
Exploration of the sissy movement	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)
Traditional gay culture; drag	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)
Community Politics; outreach	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)
Legislative/electoral politics	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)
Political theory: classism, gays and economic life, media images	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)
Religious questions	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)
How we work and play together	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)
Personal growth: coming out, support groups	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)
Gays and other oppressed minorities	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)
Process/organizational techniques & tactics	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)

Did we forget to ask any important questions? Write them on the other side and we'll ask them to everybody next time.

Please respond to the following proposals made by the planners of the 1979 conference. (1)= don't like at all, (3)= no opinion, (5)= like very much.

Ongoing regional programming	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)
Alternatives to the workshop format for the conference	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)
Volunteer conference planners frequently suffer "burn-out" during the year. Proposal for 1 part-time paid staffer for some months prior to the annual conference	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)
Conference planning/sponsorship by a decentralized regional network organized as a non-profit corporation	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)

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